

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a request for a one months' extension of time, together with a credit card payment form PTO-2038, authorizing payment of \$55.00 for this extension.

Since no mention was made of them by the examiner, It is assumed that the 3 sheets of drawings filed with Applicant's last amendment, showing proposed changes marked in red in Figures 1, 4, 6 and 7 overcome the examiner's objections and are acceptable to the examiner.

The examiner rejected claims 1 - 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehaffey et al. in view of Hall et al. (1 and 10), and Conklin (2 - 9 and 11 - 14), and Kim (15 - 17).

Claim 17 has been amended so as to be dependent on claim 15, as kindly suggested by the examiner. Independent claims 1, 11 and 15 have been amended to point out that this invention includes a microphone that can record ambient sound, which ambient sound, in addition to pre-recorded audio, can then be broadcast through an attached transceiver.

Furthermore, claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 10 - 13 and 15 - 17 have been amended by this amendment, to point out that the present invention is drawn to a device having a low cost portable body.

It is Applicants' contention that the low cost portable body coupled with record/playback device having a non-volatile memory that provides an audio output that is a recorded or synthesized tone or voice, together with a microphone that records ambient sound, which audio output and ambient sound are broadcast by a further device plugged into a port in the portable intrusion detection radio appliance of the present invention, differentiates Applicants' invention from the prior art.

The primary reference to Mehaffey et al. cited by the examiner does not disclose or teach a low cost portable device, such as provided by Applicants. Mehaffey et al. is a very complex system that is stated as being portable but which is large and ungainly, and not easily portable. Mehaffey et al. does not include a microphone to locally record and then broadcast ambient sound. Nor

does Mehaffey et al. disclose the use of a video camera or other device attachable to the portable body to monitor and broadcast still or motion pictures (claim 15).

Furthermore, Mehaffey et al. stores audio by transmitting voice over a wireless communication channel to a sentry device. The audio is then encoded and stored in RAM. This audio stream will be distorted by the communication. Also, the stored data is lost if the battery goes dead. The present invention stores audio in a flash ROM so data is retained without battery power. Furthermore, the stored data in the non-volatile ROM library of Mehaffey et al. requires a more powerful, expensive microprocessor using more memory storage. There are numerous other differences between Mehaffey et al. and the present invention. Therefore, it is Applicants' contention that Mehaffey et al. does not disclose or teach a low cost portable device having the combination of elements as disclosed and claimed herein.

The remaining references to Hall et al., Conklin and Kim cited by the examiner against the claims fail to disclose Applicants' invention and/or to make up for the deficiencies in the primary reference to Mehaffey et al. Furthermore, it is not seen how the teaching of these patents could be applied to Mehaffey et al. without interfering with the operation of Mehaffey et al. and/or the devices disclosed in these references

In conclusion, none of the prior art, whether taken alone or properly combined, contain teaching or provide motivation of how or why they may be combined to arrive at Applicants' low cost easily portable device as claimed herein.

Since no claims were added by this amendment, no further fee is required.

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow this application and to notify Applicants accordingly.

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If the Examiner has any questions with regard to this amendment he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at either the facsimile or telephone number set forth below.

Very truly yours,

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